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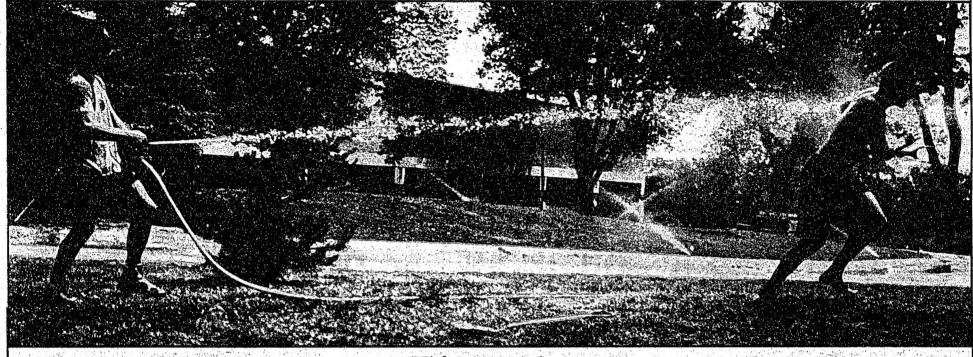
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Thirst quencher

Two members of UNO's landscaping crew find a way to cool off in the hot summer sun. More than nine days of temperatures nearing 100 degrees forced many Omahans to discover alternative methods of "chilling out."

New CCLR director appointed

Senate approves new CAO to replace Kerrigan

By JILL CARSTENS Staff Reporter

Bryan Howell's appointment to chief administrative officer of the Student Senate was approved at the July 23 meeting of the senate. Howell replaces former CAO Joe Kerrigan who stepped down from office and is now running for student president/regent.

Kerrigan and Speaker Dan Kennedy interviewed those applying for the position. Their organizational skills, communication skills and knowledge of the university were all factors in the decision, Kerrigan said.

He said applicants who are involved in projects on campus were closely considered for the position. Kennedy then made a recommendation to the senate who voted on the applicants.

Howell is also the incoming president of Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK), a leadership honor-

Howell said he's excited about the prospects of his new position, but that he won't try to propose major changes in student government.

'The job isn't to legislate, but to run the office to help student senators do what they do," Howell said of the CAO position. "The job is a challenge, an opportunity to learn about working with groups of people.'

In addition to improving existing programs, Howell said his first job will be to appoint a new election commissioner.

Later in the meeting, the senate selected Sen. Paula Effle to direct the Council for Community and Legislative Relations (CCLR). CCLR's purpose is to promote UNO to the community and the state legislature. Public relations and lobbying is a big part of the job, Effle said.

She said she would work with agencies on campus to get people outside of UNO interested in the university. She plans on contacting

Lincoln at least twice a month. In addition, she has plans to set up a governor's leadership round table that would include representatives from each college in the university system who would meet with the governor and discuss educational and budgetary issues.

In other action, the senate voted 13-2 in favor of allocating \$503 to Beta Alpha Psi, an accounting organization.

The \$503, taken from the senate's contingency fund, will partly provide for two members of Beta Alpha Psi to attend a conference. Costs include air fare, registration fees and hotel accommodations. The total cost will be \$780 and the remaining \$277 will come from the organization's dues and the individuals attending the conference.

In debate over the allocation, the question of why the organization did not file an official request with the senate arose.

Because of their confusion with the filing procedure, the request wasn't submitted, Sen. Tim Kerrigan said.

He said because of the difficulty in scheduling summer meetings, the senate decided to include the organization's budget request. Beta Alpha Psi needed to know how much funding would be allocated before the senate's next

meeting in August, Kerrigan said. Sen. Joe Hearty said the senate should consider budget requests from respectable and prestigious organizations such as Beta Alpha Psi since one of the senate's goals is to bring prestige to UNO.

After the vote, Sen. Paula Effle said she voted no on the request because she has to consider her constituency. She didn't believe in allotting the money just because Beta Alpha Psi was one of the first to apply for the fiscal year,

Sen. Tim Kerrigan said the contingency fund's balance stands at \$14,441.

Changes in constitution needed for NSSA to strengthen board

By JOHN ROOD Staff Reporter

Constitutional revisions may be necessary in the Nebraska State Student Association (NSSA), said Mike McMorrow, NSSA chairman and Wayne State College student.

Those comments were made at UNO Tuesday during a meeting between the NSSA Executive Board and students from Nebraska's four-year public institutions. The groups met to discuss modifications in the six-year-old lobbying group.

NSSA was founded in 1981 "to promote quality, accessible, public higher education for all the citizens of the state." McMorrow assembled the committee "after recognizing the fact that changes in the NSSA are needed."

UNL decided to leave NSSA in March to form its own lobbying group, the Governmental Liason Committee (GLC). Without UNL funding, UNO will have to supply one-half of the funding for NSSA, as opposed to the one-fourth it previously provided.

The UNO chapter of NSSA met April 9 to discuss whether UNO should also withdraw from the organization. NSSA chapters from some of the state colleges have also considered dropping out of the organization to form a separate group because of the overwhelming voting majority held first by UNL and now by UNO.

The current NSSA constitution assigns delegates to the group's governing body, the Legislative Assembly, based on the number of students at each school. Before pulling out, UNL held 48 percent of NSSA's voting power. Since UNL's withdrawl,
UNO holds 70 percent. (continued on page 4)

This large block of votes has been one of the reasons Kearney State College has not joined the NSSA, according to Kearney Student Senator Laurie Heiserman. UNO, Wayne State, Chadron State and Peru State Colleges are currently the only schools in the NSSA.

Student government members from Kearney and UNL attended the meeting. McMorrow said they were asked to attend in hopes of getting them to join the lobbying group. "In order for the NSSA to be most effective, it must have full membership of all the state-supported four-year institutions of higher education in Nebraska.'

Various proposals were discussed to interest the non-member schools, including one by McMorrow to let all of the schools participate in NSSA free for one semester. Funding would be provided by a reserve fund, he said. This reserve fund contains almost \$22,000, according to UNO's Tim Kerrigan, NSSA treasurer.

Kearney State students would then get a chance to see what NSSA has to offer, McMorrow said. The Legislative Assembly could also include UNL representatives. Ways to represent all schools fairly would be discussed.

"Equal representation would attract Kearney," according to Heiserman. A proposal to provide equal representation by charging students a flat fee was submitted by UNO student Greg Gunderson. He suggested the proposal "as a concerned student who has had a fit about the funding structure of the NSSA."

Regents approve telecommunications management center

By CHERY LORRAINE Senior Reporter

The University of Nebraska Board of Regents approved the establishment of the International Center for Telecommunications Management at UNO at their meeting in Scottsbluff, Neb., Saturday.

"Omaha is a major center of the international telecommunication industry, which currently is experiencing dramatic growth and development;" said UNO Chancellor Del Weber. "We are looking forward to a strong partnership between our faculty in management, marketing and many other disciplines and the corporations and other organizations whose success depends in large part on utilizing new technology to its full potential," he said.

The center will be located in the Nebraska Business Development Center (NBDC) which is part of the College of Business Administration housed at the Peter Kiewit Conference Center. It will conduct research, publish a quarterly digest and provide an electronic clearinghouse, according to Larry Trussell, dean of the college. Other activities conducted through the new center will include the organization of annual trade and industry conferences and, eventually, the development of a program that would lead to a degree in telecommunication management.

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Comment

'Couple questioned because he's a he and she's a she'

Columnist disturbed by insinuations of vice officer

My roommate told me of a rather disturbing thing that happened to him last weekend. Imagine yourself in the same situation. His father owns a business that operates out of 26th and Farnam. It was late and Dave was driving around with his date that evening on his spanky clean Suzuki.

He decided to take the bike back to his father's shop and drive the Mustang he had parked there for the rest of the night. After Dave and his girl got in the car, up walked a member of Omaha's Vice Squad. He abruptly asked Dave for his I.D. and car registration. Dave, being the responsible and concerned citizen that he is, responded appropriately, and then, being the practical and knowledgeable person in the law that he is, asked why he was being questioned.

The answer: "If you knew about the problems we've had in this area of the city, you wouldn't be asking." The viceman than asked for Dave's girlfriend's I.D. Dave asked meekly,

Tim McMahan

Gateway Columnist

"You don't think she's a, uh, hooker, do you?" The response, "We've had some problems down here, yes."

What would cross your mind if, on a date, a policeman came up and accused your date of being a prostitute? You wouldn't be too happy, would you? I wouldn't. Dave acted in a much more controlled manner than I would have. He merely made the point that his father leased the building he just left. He explained the circumstances. The officer let him go.

The question that pops into my mind is the obvious one: Is this the way the police force runs its operations? If they question Dave and his girlfriend because she's a she and he's a he and they just happen to be in a district in town that is known to have a problem with prostitutes, would they also pull over a black man who is driving in a part of town with a high crime rate just because he's black and they may think black people commit more crimes than white people? Would they immediately question a number of youths merely for driving their cars on Dodge St. just because, well, you know those damn kids are all trouble-makers.

There's no question the police are cracking down on prostitution downtown and especially in that district and there's a need for the crackdown, but if that means questioning any couple who happens to be parked there, doesn't that defeat the purpose? The police force does a good job with what they have, and I'm not questioning their efficiency. I just think maybe they should stop and think before they insinuate that a nice young lady is a whore.

Prejudice has other forms than just racial. Here, Dave and his girlfriend felt the brunt of prejudice and did the only thing they could. Walk away from it.

Freene learns lesson about life, people from baby

Sometimes you get a lesson about life when you're least ex- ing.

The scene was a large Midwestern airport at the end of the glancing at his watch — was twitching, he was so annoyed day. The flight was scheduled to depart for Cincinnati — the Finally he called a male flight attendant over. last flight of the day that would go to that city.

The plane was ready. The gate agent was processing tickets. And then — for a reason no one could figure out — an airport worker driving a baggage carrying vehicle drove that vehicle

right into the plane, denting the fuselage noticeably, The gate agent got on the loudspeaker and said there would be an "indefinite delay" in boarding. But that didn't fool anyone. There was no way the airline was going to allow that plane to

take off with fresh damage to its exterior. Weary business travelers surrounded the gate agent. They were all saying that if they didn't get to Cincinnati, they would miss vital meetings. The gate agent kept saying he didn't know

Bob Greene

Chicago Tribune

"Why don't you get another plane?" an irritated man called

If you fly much these days, you know empty planes aren't

that easy to come by on a moment's notice. The airlines make

maximum use of their equipment, and almost as soon as an aircraft lands it is off to somewhere else. (Have you noticed how

many times flight attendants and pilots, when making their on-

board announcements, get the destination cities wrong? They

laugh and correct themselves, but it's an example of how fren-

zied the airline business has become. You get the impression

In this case, though, within an hour a plane was found. The seats on it were configured differently than on the plane we

originally had been scheduled to take, so when we boarded there

Finally everyone found a seat. And then we sat on the runway.

And sat. And sat. There was no announcement. Time kept pass-

anything he could tell the people; his computer was down.

"We're looking into that," the gate agent said.

that the crew doesn't always know where it is.)

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. The man sitting next to me - red in the face, continually

"What is going on?" the man said.

"I have no idea," the flight attendant said. "You know as much as I do."

"Well, did you ever consider getting on the P.A. system and telling us that?" the man said.

"I just told you," the flight attendant said.

The passenger raised his voice. "Yes, you told me," he said. 'But what about everyone else on this plane? We're sitting here like goldfish in a bowl, and no one tells us anything!"

"Sir, I'm in the same goldfish bowl you are," the flight attendant said. "We're doing the best we can. If you'd like to leave the plane, feel free to do that."

This drove the passenger to fury. "Did I understand you right?" he said, biting off his words. "Did you just invite me to See Greene

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Letters

Misquoted senator feels press seeks to distort facts

A recent Gateway article misquoted me as saying "The complete neglect of faculty needs in terms of salaries, support equipment, support of personnel and support funds in the Diamond Jubilee activities should not go unnoticed by this faculty." That misquote was taken directly off a typed handout given to the Senate which said "The almost complete neglect of faculty needs in terms of salaries, support equipment, support of personnel and support funds in the Diamond Jubilee activities should not go unnoticed by this faculty." Your omission of the word "almost" misrepresents me and I would appreciate your correcting that impression.

Such errors occur from time to time even among mathematicians, logicians and scientists who place the highest demands on accuracy, and I suspect that was the case here.

However, I would like to take this opportunity to express what I believe is a growing problem in our society, namely the well established professional press practice of misquoting people and distorting facts. It appears to me that success as a reporter (on newspapers or tv) depends upon the ability both to (a) distort facts to support the biases of editors and publishers, and (b) make news rather than merely report it.

Since the Gateway is as much a training ground for future reporters as it is to inform the UNO community, there is a conflict of values between training reporters and editors in the newsmaking and biasing skills that they will need for success as professionals, and skill in accurate reporting that the public expects and desires (and that would best serve us as a democracy).

I believe that a college newspaper should provide accurate, unbiased reporting of the news so that its readers can make informed decisions about the college, even if this academic stance is poor training for the "real world." This may be the last opportunity for the college editor and reporter to be the writer and the person (s)he aspired to when (s)he first chose journalism as a field. Living up to such standards is a wonderful experience that everyone should have, at least once in their life, and always if they are lucky.

I would be very interested in any comments by you, your staff, the adviser(s) to the Gateway, members of the journalism faculty and anyone else who has studied or is concerned about these issues.

Senator Gordon Becker professor of psychology

/iewfinder

Opinions solicited by Joseph Hall



Joan Wallace, junior foreign language education "No, I don't like the idea of pickle cards. If we have to raise money for anything, it should be for academic programs."



Doug Hemsley, junior computer science "Yes, UNO athletic programs need all the financial support it can get since the state is reducing its support."



Would you buy a pickle card to support UNO athletics?



Barbara Hewins-Maroney, instructor urban studies "Yes I would. Can I win money?"



Tim Hrdlicka, freshman undeclared "Yes, I buy them anyway. And it's for a good cause if it allows UNO to have a track team again."

People indoctrinated, changed by time, experience

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leave the plane?

"Sir, we're all in this together," the flight attendant said. "That's all I meant."

The passenger looked at the flight attendant's name tag.
"Well, Mr. ——," the passenger said, using the flight attendant's last name. "You can be sure that the president of the airline will hear about your performance today.

Now the passenger and the flight attendant were both on the

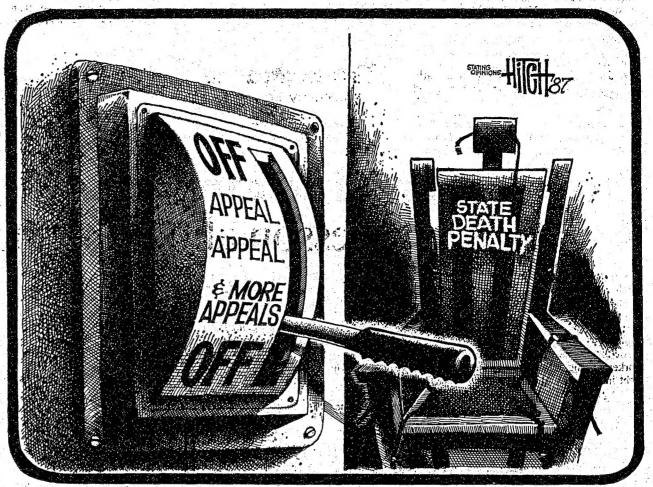
I looked across the aisle. There was a baby, being held by his father. The baby was laughing and drooling, looking around the airplane. The baby seemed to be having the time of his life. He didn't know where Cincinnati was, and he didn't know what a flight delay was, and and happy, and enjoying himself.

And I thought: This red-faced man next to me was once a baby like that. The flight attendant was once a baby like that. The years had educated them and indoctrinated them and changed them. They both had become the men they were today. Here was the passenger, ready to write a scathing letter to the president of the airline in an effort to get the flight attendant reprimanded or fired. Here was the flight attendant, no doubt, in his mind, wanting to smack the passenger.

he didn't even know what an airplane was. But he was alive, ... I looked again at that laughing baby. What happens to us? What does the world do to us? I sneaked a glance at my seatmate, still so full of anger. I tried to imagine him as a baby, 50 years ago. It was hard to do.

Finally we took off. The flight was short and uneventful. We deplaned at the Cincinnati airport. My seatmate hurried off, lugging his carry-on garment bag. The baby had fallen asleep.

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Need for off-campus referrals may be reduced

'Good bedside manner' factor in physician search

Copy Editor

The UNO Health Center has plans to hire a part-time physician by the beginning of the fall semester, said Barbara Hewins-Maroney, coordinator of special programs.

An on-campus physician would reduce the need to refer students off campus for their medical treatment, she said.

"There are a number of students who don't have a private physician or who can't afford one." she said. With an on-campus physician, conditions such as strep throat or a sprained ankle could be treated right here, Hewins-Maroney said.

The search for a part-time physician or a nurse practitioner began when Shelly Helzer, a physician's assistant, resigned last summer.

than a registered nurse, is able to work more independently and can diagnose problems as well as prescribe treatment. A physician's assistant can diagnose minor medical problems and prescribe drugs to a patient.

UNO tried to become recertified to hire another physician's assistant after Helzer left, Hewins-Maroney said, but there was not enough on-site physician supervision to qualify for one. After Helzer's resignation, "We first looked for a nurse practitioner, then hired a full-time nurse, and said, 'Okay, now it's time to hire a physician," Hewins-Maroney said. "We tried to get a physician over a nurse practitioner. Fortunately, we have three people who are interested," she said. "Now we're at the interview stage."

Presently, the Health Center employs two nurses: Ruth Hanon, who works full-time, and

A nurse practitioner receives more training Kate Connoly, who works as an on-call nurse.

A registered nurse may make a diagnosis based on a patient's symptoms, administer first aid, counsel students and refer them to a physician, Hewins-Maroney said.

"There are regulations as to what a nurse can and can not do. We want to be in accordance with the law and not overstep any boundaries,' she said. "Cold and flu season will be here before we know it. If we had a physician on campus, it would save a lot of time for students."

Both Hewins-Maroney and Joe Davis, assistant vice chancellor for Student Development Services, will make their recommendations for a physician to Vice Chancellor Richard Hoover.

Hewins-Maroney said they are looking for someone who has experience, a good bedside manner, can work with a variety of ages and people on campus and who is skilled in family practice or emergency medical service. "We get quite a few cuts and scrapes from people coming over from the HPER Building," she

"We also want someone who we could use as a resource in planning and who could work for what we could pay," she said.

Hewins-Maroney said she would want the physician to work 15 to 16 hours per week.

"We've looked at the traffic in the Health Center; it's heaviest in the morning, so we'd like someone to spend four days a week there, maybe three mornings and an afternoon," she

"We also want someone who will get along with students and not rush them through. Someone who will spend an extra three minutes with a student who needs it," she said. "Those are the things we think are important."

roposals aimed at attracting NSSA non-mem

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His proposal called for a \$3,000 fee and five representatives per school.

UNL student senator Pete Castellano said the equal representation system "could cause the NSSA to become an organization of student governments instead of students.

"I don't want to see that happen," Castellano, a past NSSA member, said. UNL dropped out because the NSSA "wasn't making all the parts work," he said.

Castellano also said that "at large, delegates may be the solution" and that he favored a second proposal which kept the

same funding structure but called for revisions in the constitution that would make a stronger board of directors.

Changes in the number of delegates might not be enough to get Kearney to join, Heiserman said, "Kearney wants students down there," she said. She also said Kearney has had success with sending a student lobbyist to the legislature, as opposed to the professional that NSSA currently employs.

"Senators want to hear from students, not professional lobbyists," she said. The cost is also less. The Kearney lobbyist costs about \$500, while the professional lobbyist costs about

Both UNO and UNL students were receptive to the idea and said they hoped an internship program might be established in Lincoln to let students lobby for students. McMorrow suggested each school explore these and other ways of modifying NSSA at the next Legislative Assembly in October.

Whatever changes are made at the October assembly "are going to directly affect the future of the NSSA," Gunderson said. "UNO will have a major influence on the outcome because it will control 70 percent of the vote," he said.

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Road names receive vote of approval by regents

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The center will be administered through the College of Business under the direction of Bob Bernier, director of NBDC. It will be partially funded by several Omaha corporations which will be represented on the center's Board of Advisors. The administrative board will also include Weber and Trussell as ex-officio members.

The regents also approved the removal of the annexes just east of Arts and Sciences Hall. After the annexes have been cleared away, that area will become a parking lot in accordance with UNO's Master Site Plan which was approved in-March, 1985.

According to federal safety and health regulations, the annexes must be removed intact, rather than dismantled, said

Dave Irvin, manager of Facility Planning and Space Management. The buildings contain asbestos, an insulating substance which is believed to cause cancer. However, the asbestos in the temporary buildings is encapsulated and therefore harmless as long as the annexes aren't taken apart, he said.

Bids for the purchase and removal of the buildings will be solicited, with the highest bidder getting first choice, Irvin said. "We may even allow some bidders to take them for the price of removing them," he said.

The new parking lot will include spaces reserved for the

The new parking lot will include spaces reserved for the handicapped, according to Irvin. A drop-off area for drivers to load and unload passengers will also be located in the new lot. However, the decision whether to make the remainder of the spaces available to faculty or students has not yet been made, he said.

In other action, the regents:

• Voted unanimously to investigate the cost and develop the design for a bell tower to be built at UNO. It may be located near the walkway between the library and the Performing Arts Center, Weber said.

The bell tower would be financed through a private donation made to the N.U. Foundation. However, the donor has requested that he remain anonymous until the design is finished and the cost is estimated, Weber said.

A more detailed proposal may be presented to the regents at their meeting September 11.

 Approved names for UNO roads and walkways. The roads and walkways will be marked by new street signs by mid-September, Irvin said. The new signs will bear the names in cream-colored lettering on a black background with scarlet trim, he said.

'Combination of factors' takes toll on SPO budget

By JILL CARSTENS Staff Reporter

No one knew how serious Student Programming Organization's (SPO) financial problems were, said Greg Gunderson, executive treasurer of the Student Senate.

Gunderson said SPO ended the 1986-87 fiscal year with an \$18,000 deficit which resulted from a combination of factors. First of all, SPO exceeded their operating budget of \$92,484 and took in less revenue than they had intended, Gunderson said.

"I don't think anyone was trying to deceive. They were just not aware of what the situation was," Gunderson said. SPO also believed their financial records to be more accurate than they were, Gunderson said.

Gunderson said the SPO Board had projected a \$3,000 loss six months ago, but thought income not yet accounted for in the financial records would make the picture look better. Expensive projects and cost overruns with the Cultural Events Committee also played a part in the deficit, Gunderson said.

Joel Zarr, director of Student Activities, said SPO's Cultural Events Committee is funded by grant money as well as student fees and the fine arts department. The grant money the committee received fell short of what they had anticipated, Zarr said.

Also, the board should have checked SPO's financial accounts before approving spending on projects. They also should have checked back later to see if the project had stayed within its budget, he said.

Zarr said another reason for the deficit was that SPO hoped to sell more general admission than student tickets for some events. General admission is higher than student admission. But because more student tickets than general admission tickets were sold, money brought in from the events was lower than expected, Zarr said.

"The \$18,000 is not the problem, but a symptom of poor spending habits, Gunderson said."

"SPO must absorb the loss out of the upcoming year's budget," he added. "SPO's savings of \$9,000 from the 1985-86

SPO's savings of \$9,000 from the 1985-86 fiscal year will cover some of the loss, but another \$9,000 has come out of the 1987-88 budget to cover the rest of the deficit.

Gunderson said SPO will be facing some of its toughest times in the next three years. The budget deficit has raised some concerns with the Student Senate over SPO's spending autonomy, he said.

But according to Pat Neal, director of Student Programming, SPO is facing the deficit problem and dealing with it.

"We're not going to let it affect our programming," Neal said. SPO plans to provide the best programming with the money they have to work with, he said.

Gunderson said SPO has recognized the problem and is very sincere and committed to seeing that it doesn't happen again.

SPO needed a better system to keep track of money spent. Zarr said: He added that one is system has already been set up.

According to Zarr, the budgets are now all on a computer and more up-to-date figures can be provided easier.

Gunderson said amendments have been added to SPO's constitution to provide guide-lines for their board.

When a proposal is brought before the board, the current balance of the budget, how much the project will cost and what will be left in the budget will all be provided for the board to consider. Neal said.

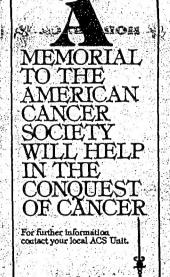
"The board needs to be a lot more aware of each committee's budget and take time to scrutinize the project and its relationship to the budget," Zarr said:

Because spending affects all of the committees, the new system will make it easier for one committee to see how other committees are spending money, Neal said.

Gunderson said other ideas to reduce the risk of this happening again are under consideration.

He said a full-time business director may be hired to oversee SPO's financial operations. Also, a board made up of members of the administration and the business community may be appointed to provide at financial perspective, Gunderson said.





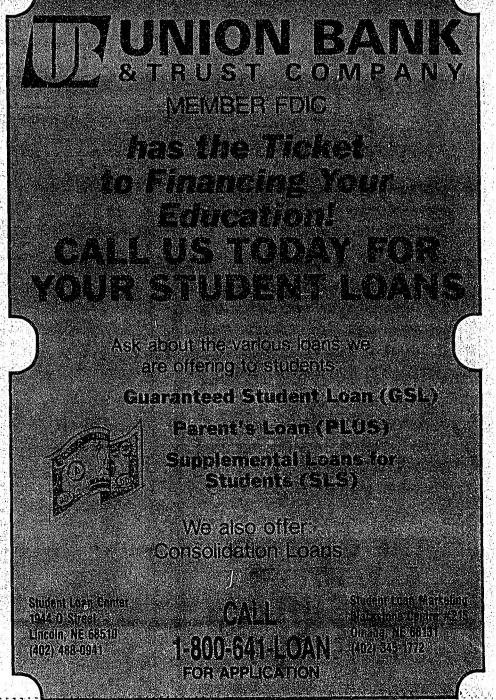




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• "Hiker's Hike," Fontenelle Forest Nature Center, 8 a.m.

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Review

It's a bird; It's a plane; It's a flop; It's 'Superman IV'

By EDWARD TERKELSEN Staff Reviewer

We all grew up with Superman. The son of Krypton is one of the central icons of American pop culture. He is part of the national myth - along with Santa Claus, Dick Tracy, Bugs Bunny, E.T. and Mr. Spock.

As such, he is obviously much more than just another character in some dime store novel. He is the flawless embodiment of the goodness to which we all aspire. He is the perfect vision of a supreme being and a patriotic inspiration to both young and old. In short, the caped crusader is something of a god, an indestructible power from the sky.

Director Richard Donner recognized all of these special qualities within the Superman facade when he brought the chapple of steel to life in his fanciful masterpiece "Superman — The Movie." He did it so well, in fact, that the Christopher Reeve Kal-El, son of Jor-El and Lara of Krypton, has become the de-

fining model of Superman, abolishing all previous incarnations.

Donner was replaced by Richard Lester for "Superman II," and although that sequel lacked the sense of epic grandeur established in the first film, it was still a well-crafted, deliriously funny, technically terrific sensation.

So far so good. It appeared as if the boy in blue was still safe under the able wings of Richard Lester. But, of course, the lad fouled everything up in the laughable "Superman III." For reasons which still defy logic, Lester and his pack of cunning associates ran contrary to every detail that made the first two Superman movies such tremendous triumphs.

They foolishly replaced that grand epic feel with a cheezy, comic-strip look and substituted slapstick for a subtle sense of wit. They also threw aside all our old chums at the Daily Planet and brought forth some extreme dullards from Clark Kent's hometown of Smallville. And somehow (this one's a doozy) centered the whole shootin' match around the bumbling Richard Pryor, almost losing sight of Superman in the process. Worst of all, there was never any sense of a threat. And without any sort of deadly threat being inflicted upon the goody-goody folk of Metropolis, how can Superman demonstrate his magnificent

In the first film, Lex Luthor was going to atom-bomb California - now that's what I call a job for Superman! In the third installment, however, all that Robert Vaughn wanted to do was merely destroy the world's coffee crop Taon emink it would matter much to Superman if we all went a year or so without Folgers. I'd rather see him available to rescue Frisky the cat from that knotted oak tree, wouldn't you?

Let's face it, "Superman III" was a mess. So messy, in fact, that Christopher Reeve flung his cape out the window and solemnly vowed to never play the man of steel again.

Well, surprise, kiddies! "Superman IV" (this one has a subtitle

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SUPERMAN IV

1/2*

Rating System-

* poor

*** good

**** excellent

"The Quest for Peace") has just been released. And I must confess that yours truly had great expectations for the project. I figured that all who were associated with "Superman III" had learned their lessons and would therefore correct their silly mistakes, hence making "Superman IV" the best chapter in the lot. I'm sorry to announce, however, that the whole production (imagine a sniffle or two here) is a big (and I mean BIG) let down. Ah, what the heck, I might as well go out on a limb. This film is so bad that I think even Christopher Reeve's mother would be embarassed to see it.

The appearance of "Superman IV" so soon after "Supergirl" and "Superman III" is an indication that the producers of the Superman movies have forgotten, if they ever consciously knew it, the real secret of the movies. We do not go to Superman flicks to chuckle condescendingly at the characters (which is precisely what director Sidney J. Furie and producers Menahem Golan and Yoram Globus seem to be doing themselves here). We go to recapture a dash of that lost innocence which the whole notion of superheroes offers:

The true genius of Christopher Reeve, in his finest moments and when the filmmakers allow it, is to play the larger-than-life Superman without laughing, to take him seriously so that we all can have a little innocent escapist fun. That's where "Superman IV" fails. When it goes for campy laughs, it falls flat on its face. That was always a low road the first three Superman flicks had to avoid. The first two Supermans were the best because they presented their silly, mindless storylines in a nifty, grimjawed manner. With the second sequel, the stories got goofier, but all was lost when Richard Pryor went directly for slapstick.

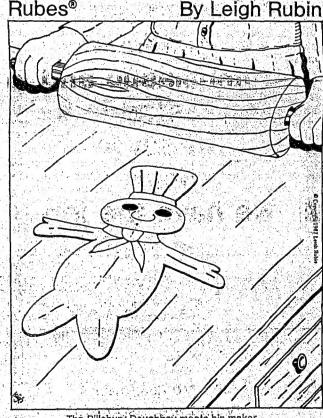
Gene Hackman returns as Lex Luthor in this edition, but this time he's laughing at the production, not with it. Even the obligatory confrontation scene between Lex and Superman flops, not only because it is so poorly scripted and so blandly staged, but because Reeve grins all the way through it. If the leading role in a fantasy such as this can't take himself seriously, how in the devil can we? Now, had Reeve delivered the moment stone-faced, it would have worked, incidentally, as comedy. In a film where the central premise involves a superhero attempting to abolish all nuclear weapons from the face of the earth, a campy approach only makes it look preposterous.

Not only is the sly sense of wit that we all came to know and love in "Superman I" and "II" absent from this turkey, but so is the zesty dialogue, the colorful characterizations; the inter-

esting scenic locations, the phenomenal special effects, etc. etc. The first Superman was obviously scripted without the slightest concern for how much it might cost. The money was up there on the screen, and it's \$35 million budget made the whole production look absolutely remarkable. With "Superman IV," I kept getting the feeling that the producers were only trying to avoid a high budget. And it shows. And therefore it suffers.

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UNO education prof receives award for promoting racial harmony between teacher, minority students

By DANIEL SWIATEK Staff Reporter

Promoting a better understanding between minorities and the people who teach them has been a goal in Floyd Waterman's work ever since the early '60s. At that time, he was supervising student teachers in New York City's Harlem for Columbia University. On May 1, 1987, the Urban League of Nebraska recognized him for this.

"... teachers need to have an understanding of the contributions and problems and issues related to a black child or an Indian child."

-Waterman

Waterman, a UNO education professor, was presented with the Whitney M. Young Memorial Award which is awarded annually to an individual who fosters interracial harmony. Young was the former executive secretary of the Omaha Urban League and later became director of the National Urban League.

"In the citation they mentioned some of the efforts to help members of minority groups get an education and to encourage better understanding between the races. They mentioned specifically the fact that I had organized the Teacher's Corps originally here in 1966," Waterman said.

The Teacher Corps was a program funded by the U.S. Office of Education, which later became the Department of Education, to give special preparation to teachers who work in areas of low income students.

When the Teacher Corps began in 1966 it was one of only 23 in the country. "We decided we would include the Omaha Indian Reservation. So I went up to Macy, Neb. and talked with members of the tribal council and, as a result, that was the first Teacher Corps in the country to include an Indian reservation, Waterman said. Other Nebraska Indian reservations were later

The Whitney M. Young Memorial Award also mentioned that as a result of the Teacher Corps, a number of black interns within the group graduated with master's degrees. "Also, there were some Hispanics. The first Hispanic to get a doctor's degree from the University of Nebraska was one of our Teacher Corps team leaders," he said.

Waterman also founded the Center for Urban Education (CUE) in 1968, which tutored inner-city students and worked with community groups. In 1980, CUE was merged into the Center for Applied Urban Research where Waterman is currently a senior research associate.

When Waterman first arrived in Nebraska in 1965, the state of education for minorities was dismal. "There was no special emphasis at all. Most of the colleges across the country in 1965 were completely ignoring minorities. It was thought that a teacher prepared for suburbia could teach anywhere," he said. The Teacher Corps was created because of this. "If you look at what a teacher would need, a person who's white, middle

class and who wants to become a teacher, to work in low income areas with members of minority groups, whether it's Mexican Americans in Texas or Alaskan natives in Alaska, all of those teachers need to have an understanding of the contributions and problems and issues related to a black child or an Indian child,"

Waterman became involved with establishing Teacher Corps programs around the country, but met some resistance in doing

"A Teacher Corps program isn't university programming imposed on the schools. It's the school district and the university working together in a cooperative effort to give better preparation of teachers. We had some troubles in the early days of the program because some of them (Teacher Corps interns) thought they were change agents, and they were going to go out and show these teachers how to work.

"But we made a different emphasis. We said number one, you will learn something about other cultures. Number two, you will work in the community and become familiar with the people,"

The long-term effects of the Teacher Corps programs have been great. Teaching organizations across the country have revised their standards of accreditation to include some component



-Photo by Scot Shugart

of multicultural education.

Waterman said he understands the resentment of some educators at that time toward the changing of teaching programs.

"People always resist change. It happened all over the country. There was resistance on the part of regular faculty because you're setting up a special program — it's different. In some cases we insisted upon having the courses taught off campus, and there are university professors to this day that feel that unless you're within 75 to 100 feet of a library, you can't function in a college course. We proved otherwise.

The other source of resentment was that as a federal program, we had additional money above and beyond the budget one would normally have available. We bought materials that were not available in some colleges. If you add an infusion of new resources, new leadership and outside leadership, you're bound to create tensions," he said.

The federal Teacher Corps programs were originally designed to be phased out by 1980, and they were, although Waterman said vestiges of the program are still alive in teacher education programs around the country.

Since then, Waterman has remained active in educational research, including a year long faculty development leave to Shizuoka National University in Japan to explore why Japanese students do so well in mathematics and science compared to American students.

His findings were simple. "They work harder. It's a part of their culture. They have more time in school and on tasks. They go to school five and a half days a week, 230 days a year rather than 180," he said.

While the entire Japanese educational system wouldn't be adaptable to the United States, there are some aspects of it that could benefit U.S. schools, Waterman said.

"I'd like to see parents more involved with their children's education. I'd also like to see our junior high and high school students take their studies much more seriously, as the Japanese

"There's nothing in their university system that I emulate. Their university system is a disaster, but their high schools and junior highs foster a desire to learn," Waterman said.

One of Waterman's gripes with the U.S. system of education

is he feels it has become too cluttered with non-academic sub-

"I don't think public high schools in the United States should be charged with the responsibility of teaching driver education. I say take it out and make it a private enterprise like they do

In the Omaha area, Waterman would like to see some experimentation in teacher education alternatives, such as a five to six year education program for teachers.

"I don't think it's realistic to expect that a teacher can get all the education he or she needs in a four-year program.

Education majors probably wouldn't be too pleased with a longer program Waterman said. "They'd complain." But he feels a longer-time frame would give a potential teacher more opportunities to decide if teaching is really what he or she wants.

"Unless a teacher is excited and enthused, it's going to be

hard to convey that to students," he said.

Future superstars get jump on volleyball techniques from UNO's Lady Mavs, as incoming freshmen get a jump on their future at UNO orientation

Waterman



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